

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: **ENZYMATIC PROCESS FOR OBTAINING  
INCREASED YIELD OF LACTOBIONIC ACID**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2010, concerning the above-referenced patent application. This paper is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is part of the RCE submission. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before April 2, 2011. An inventor's declaration is filed along with this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.